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RUBBER-GOODS PRODUCTION IN TIENSIN, HARBIN PLANTS

TIENSIN RUBBER PLANTS USING SOVIET SYNTHETIC RUBBER -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 12 Oct 53

Tientsin rubber plants are using Soviet synthetic rubber in the manufacture of athletic shoes and tires for bicycles and three-wheeled delivery vehicles. The Tientsin Industrial Chemical Supply Company began selling Soviet synthetic rubber to the Tientsin rubber plants in the latter part of July 1953. The Chung-lien Rubber Plant manufactures tires for three-wheeled delivery vehicles. The tires have good quality and appearance. All tests of the products of the Chung-lien, Tung-ch'ang, Fei-lung, Ta-chung-hua, and Ho-ch'eng rubber plants were successful.

PRODUCTION QUALITY OF RUBBER PLANT NO 7 DROPS -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 28 Oct 53

During the current economy drive, the state-operated Rubber Plant No 7 in Mukden has allowed its production quality to fall, by stressing quantity alone. Daily average rejects for tires and inner tubes of all types rose from 16.4 percent in September to 28.5 percent during the first half of October 1953. During the first half of October there was a 5.7 percent increase over the average daily September output of all types of automobile and truck inner tubes, but the number of rejects for these items doubled. Since January 1953, this plant has not been able to meet government specifications, even though it is deemed possible to exceed these specifications. The plant failed to meet the government-specified maximum of .3 percent for rejects of motor-vehicle inner tubes, its rejects actually varying between 0.6 percent and 1.0 percent of production. Its motorless-vehicle inner-tube production had a 1.3 percent reject rate. To raise production quality to a high level, workers have been given more training, and the plant has made a further study of all production methods.

UNITED RUBBER PLANT SETS UP SYSTEM OF RESPONSIBILITY -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 16 Oct 53

In the latter part of 1951, the Ch'un-sheng, Hua-pei, and Yo-hua Rubber Companies in Tientsin joined to form the United Rubber Company, a privately operated firm with more than 40 stockholders, over 300 employees, and 11 executives. In February 1953, new production responsibilities were assumed, and the percentage of inferior products rose to 20 percent of total production, largely because of inadequate management. A system of responsibility was established to deal with this situation. As a result, the workers' morale was raised and the production quota was met. The firm has begun to show a profit instead of a loss (in 1952, the plant earned only one third of its investment), and the quality of production has steadily risen.

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